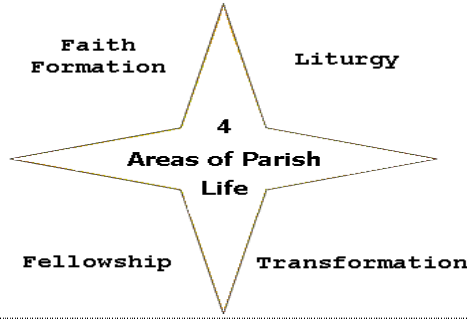





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**22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**August 31 & September 1, 2019**

Sunday 9:00 AM	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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**MASSES**

Saturday	Sep. 7 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Guy Hotte (25<sup>th</sup> ann)</b> by Shirley Hotte & Family <b>David Murphy &amp; The Murphy Family</b> by the Murphy Family
Sunday	Sep. 8 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Larry Cameron</b> by Family & Friends <b>Linda Allen</b> by Lucille & Susan Allen <b>Paul Jeffrey</b> by Marjorie Burke & Family
Thursday	Sep. 12 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	<b>All Parishioners of OLV &amp; St. Malachy</b>

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS		OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug.	17-18, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$561.00	\$255.00
Aug.	24-25, 2019 - Sunday Offering	558.00	177.00
Aug.	24-25, 2019 - Fuel	289.00	102.00

## Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

### Lesson on Humility

Today's scriptural reading is a lesson in humility. The readings of this Sunday speak to us about humility. The **first reading**, taken from the book of Sirach, reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us. The **second reading**, taken from Hebrews, gives another reason for us to be humble. Jesus was humble, so His followers are expected to be humble, trying to imitate His humility. The **Gospel** echoes the same sentiment. The Good News of Jesus reverses the world order. The back-benchers are brought to the fore and front-liners are relegated to the last rows. Persons who exalt themselves are humbled and persons who humble themselves are exalted. Hence, the reference made by Jesus about the manners of taking one's seat at the table, in today's Gospel, is neither an elaboration of the rules of protocol nor a lesson in table etiquette. It is practical down-to-earth application of the values of the Kingdom to daily life.

A person imbued with the spirit of the gospel is simple, unassuming and unostentatious. He is untouched by the slightest inclination for honour or prominence. He knows his true inner worth. He is more concerned about how he appears in the eyes of God than in the eyes of people. And so, whether it is the front seat or the rear seat, high seat or low seat, it is a matter of little or no consequence to him. Jurgen Moltmann says : *"No one is too great, no one is too small. No one has to look up to anyone. No one has to look down on anyone."*

Yes, Jesus did accept invitations to dine with the Pharisees. On these occasions He surely must have surveyed the scene and noticed the social background and the status of the invitees. It was a closed circle of gracious friends, relatives, admirers and eminent persons of considerable means. Noticeably excluded from all the fun and the frolic and the indulgence in food and drink were the poor. They were simply ignored. This is why Jesus exhorts His listeners to throw their dinner tables open to the poor. The poor include the beggars, the crippled and the blind. Christian charity breaks out of a narrow exclusivism of reciprocal exchange of invitations between people we feel comfortable with and like to recognize as 'our own type.' It opens its doors to the poor and the underprivileged even though they are unable to reciprocate. Anon puts it rightly: *When it comes to inviting the poor, some people run out of invitation cards.*

In this Eucharistic celebration, Jesus invites us though we are poor. We consider ourselves, no doubt, to be in the inviting category rather than those who are invited. It may be very sobering for us to realize that just the opposite is true. We are attending this Eucharistic meal today. We are the invited ones - the poor. The host, Jesus, is following His own advice. We are the beggars for we come with our requests and prayers of petition. Constantly, we ask, plead and beg with the Lord to satisfy all our needs and desires. We are the crippled. Perhaps not physically but certainly we are spiritually crippled. Wounded by original sin, we have frequently fallen and continue to stumble in an ongoing effort to keep our spiritual balance. We come also as the blind. Greed, avarice, passion and selfishness obscure the light and blind our judgements. We have all been invited to the king's table. Although we are unable to return the favor, the king understands and says it's OK.

**Happy Sunday!**

## OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Office hours:** Closed on Monday, September 2 and opened on Tuesday, September 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Bulletins:** Back to weekly issues on September 7-8.

**St. Malachy Warden's Meeting:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacristy.

**Fellowship:** Will begin on Sunday, September 1 in the parish hall after mass.

**Searching:** The search is still on for the key for the **hall kitchen cupboards** and now for the keys for the **chair chain** in the conference room. Contact the office.

**Cereal Bar Drive:** This drive will begin **September 15** for Buckingham Elementary School Breakfast Program. Collection is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**New Project:** Monique is saving all Pop tabs, cashing them in and sending the proceeds to our palliative care center "La Monarque" in Montebello. Let us help them build a new facility to care for our loved ones. Box is available at OLV or see Monique.

**OLV Family & Friends Day: Raffle:** A hand-woven tablecloth will be raffled during OLV Family & Friends Day. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Draw will be on Saturday, September 7. **Tickets for event and raffle are on sale now. Also available from the secretary, during office hours.**

**OLV Christmas Tea:** Schedule, Saturday, December 7, 2019 on your calendar for our annual Christmas Tea. Plenty of time to start planning on what to give to the food and craft tables.

**St. Malachy Restoration Fund:** With declining attendance and an aging population, raising funds to restore and maintain the church has become increasingly difficult. As an urgent priority, the shingles on the church and shrine now need replacing. The estimated cost is approximately \$50,000. We believe that by raising awareness about this need, individuals will be willing to help and have the work completed before this winter. More information can be found at: [www.stmalachyolv.com](http://www.stmalachyolv.com). **Thank you.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Cemetery celebration:** Will be on **September 8** at 2 p.m. at St. Gregoire's cemetery.

**Our Lady of the Annunciation:** Annual Parish Indoor Yard Sale at 189 Achambault St., Gatineau (Hull Sector). Saturday, September 7th, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Household items, baking, jewelry, toys, Christmas items, plants and books. Hot dogs and drinks for sale outside. To donate goods or for further information, please call: 819-771-4613 or 819-777-8825.

**Buckingham Friendship Club:** Starts Wednesday, **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome!